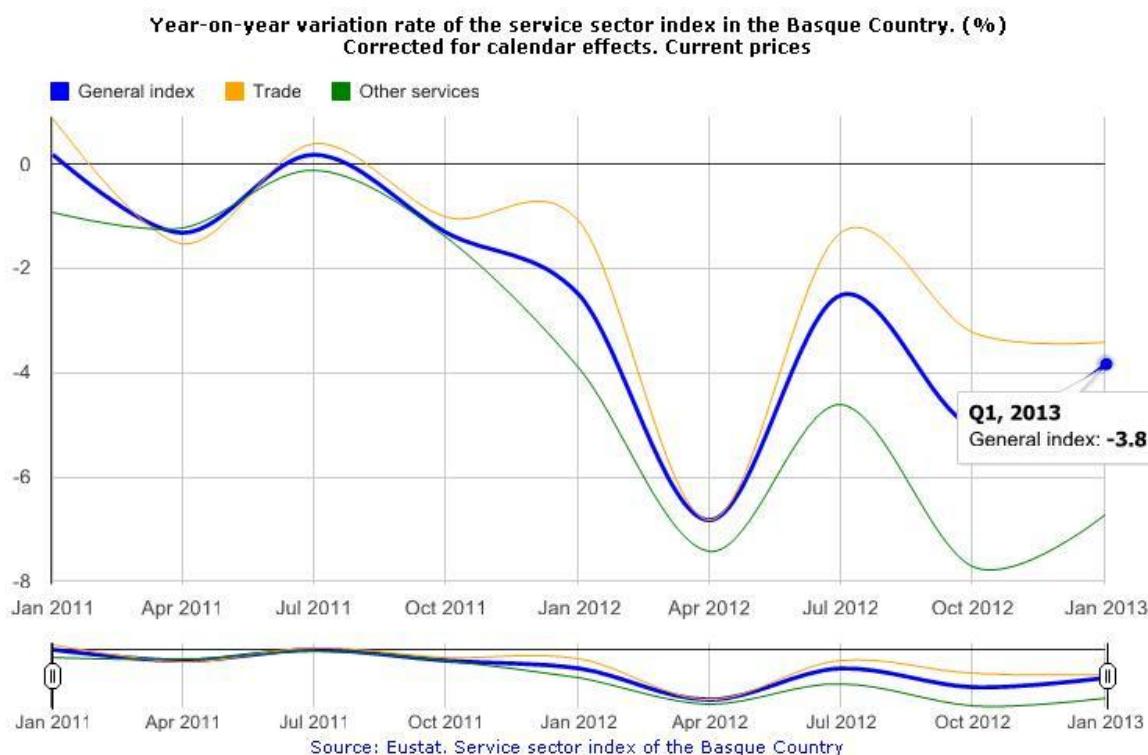


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The quarter-on-quarter variation rate was 0.8% compared to the second quarter of 2015, 0.2 percentage points lower than that of the previous quarter.



From the perspective of demand, year-on-year growth in the third quarter of 2015 was underpinned, above all, by the continued momentum of activity in the industrial and services sectors. The construction sector showed a more modest level of dynamism.

Employment, measured as full-time equivalent jobs, has grown by 1.8% in this third quarter of 2015 compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Quarter-on-quarter growth was 0.3%.

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